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<b><u>Document No.</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Inventor</u></b>
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International "Written Opinion" for PCT Application No. PCT/US02/21501, mailed June 5, 2003.

Comments concerning the foregoing documents are set forth below.

**U.S. Patent Documents**

146. U.S. Patent No. 5,007,232 relates to a "method and apparatus for sterilizing containers using hydrogen peroxide vapor." (Abstract)

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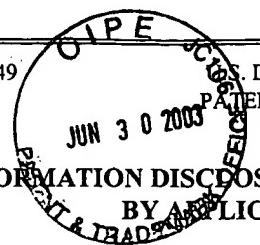
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